GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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PTI and UNI News Service in AIR
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to stop PTI and UNI News service in All India Radio and to get news service from Hindustan Samachar in Indian language as well as in English and Hindi in one or two months;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) whether the Government would recruit permanent news readers in the same as early as possible to give job to the youth and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)

(a): No, Madam.
(b): Prasar Bharati has informed that presently, News Services Division, All India Radio is subscribing to PTI and UNI news agencies. It is also having free trial service of Hindustan Samachar. Reviews of performance of News Agencies are done from time to time to assess their value and relevance taking into accounts the unique position of AIR in the country.
(c): The services of news agencies are used to supplement the news requirement of AIR. No separate news readers are required to be recruited for the same.

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